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Anna Joy Springer is an Associate Professor of Literature, specializing in contemporary literary arts. She received her MFA in Literary Arts from Brown University in 2002 after more than a decade of recording, performing, and touring the U.S. and Europe with punk bands and an all-women's spoken word troupe. Her primary research interests are visual literatures and graphic prose, experimental and speculative literatures, punk cultures, gender and sexuality studies, and mindfulness-based pedagogies. Her books are *The Vicious Red Relic, Love* (2011) and *The Birdwisher* (2009). Before joining ladder rank faculty in 2005, she held a visiting lecturer position for two years in the department of Literature. She helped develop and initiate the very successful new cross-genre graduate program in Writing and has served twice as its Director. She currently serves as the head of the popular Writing Section. For several years, Professor Springer has curated, raised funds for, and hosted the internationally recognized New Writing Series, UCSD's literary reading event, one of the only free ongoing public literary series in San Diego County. She served as a member of the Undergraduate Council and chair of the Visual Arts Undergraduate Program Review in 2012-13. Professor Springer is recipient of the *Distinguished Teaching Award* in fall 2010 and the *Chancellor's Associates Faculty Excellence Award Visual Arts and Performance* in spring 2013.